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DEATH.

On the 15th July, in London, from illness contracted in China, Staff-Commander G. H. Batterson, R.N., aged 33 years.

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HONGKONG, AUGUST 27TH, 1884.

The suspensions to which we yesterday gave expression, excited by the telegraphic announcement of the intended reinforcement of the Russian Squadron in these waters, were not unfounded. The papers received by the mail yesterday afternoon showed that even now the germs of trouble between Russia and China not only exist, but that they threaten to develop into a serious misunderstanding.

The *Eastern Review*, a Russian journal, averred that the condition of affairs on the Kashgar-Turkestan frontier has become altogether intolerable for the Russians. The Chinese continue to expel Russian merchants, send back their goods, and close all the Chinese markets to the Russians, notwithstanding the Consul's protest against such violations of the Russo-Chinese Commercial Treaty. The Review recommends the adoption of severe reprisals by the Russian authorities. Let it not be forgotten that the Press in Russia is under a rigorous censorship, and this expression of opinion has passed the scrutiny of the censor. The *Morning Post*, writing on the relations between Russia and China, says:—"The concessions made by China to France in connection with Tungkuo appear destined to reach injuriously upon the relations between China and Russia, which only three years ago were placed on a satisfactory basis by a treaty providing for the retrocession of Kuldja. A powerful party in Russia, it seems, is vexed that France should have extorted by sheer persistency considerable concessions from China where Russia failed, and are taking advantage of fresh troubles in Kashgar to urge the institution of claims calculated to expel the Chinese from Kuldja again. This party is not only strongly represented at St. Petersburg, but is aided by the crusade which the *Turkestan Vedomosti* has started at Tashkent against the Chinese in Kashgar—a crusade occasioned partly by the hostile attitude which the Chinese have recently adopted towards Russian traders, but more particularly by the rivalry excited by the notoriety which the *Kekexili* articles have secured the Caucasian government throughout Europe. Kuldja and Kashgar constitute admirable marks to aim at—firstly because both contain abundant elements of disturbance, and secondly, because beyond them lies the weaker portion of China, offering opportunities of indefinite expansion in the direction of Tibet. When the Chinese occupied the provinces and drove the Mussulmans from it, the import of Russian goods almost ceased and their place in the local markets was taken by English wares, which were introduced from India in large quantities via Tibet. SKOBRELEV's recently published letters show that Russia decided to let loose this Chinese upon Kashgar trusting that anarchy would prevail until she had her hands free again, when she would step in, and with no longer any fanatical Mussulman element to occasion serious military difficulties would annex the country." Her bands are free now, or at least the powers they are, and the present moment—when China is embarrassed by her quarrel with France—is evidently favourable for the scheming of Russia. The Treaty of 1881 negotiated by the Marquis Tzouma is most unpopular in Russia, and if there is any agitation against it before the outbreak of actual hostilities between France we may be sure that it has been greatly augmented since. In Russia an agitation in the Press means more than ever one raised by the English Press. The latter influenced the action of the Government; the former represents the views and indicates the intentions of the Government. Therefore the despatch of the three ironclads becomes intelligible. Fresh negotiations will be opened by Russia, probably at once, and the demands of the Russian Minister will be emphasized by the presence of a formidable fleet in Chinese waters. In such an event it is difficult to see how the Peking Government can resist. The next question that arises is whether any understanding exists between Russia and France. This is not easily answered, but there is no special reason for thinking that there has been any communication between Paris and St. Petersburg on the subject. In 1880 General LOMARKOV, who then represented Russia at Peking, played solely for his own hand, and simply made the most of his chances. On this occasion, however, the Russian Government are sending out a naval force, and it may be designed to strengthen the hands of France as well as to intimidate Peking.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 10.15 yesterday afternoon.

The French cruiser *Hannibal*, Captain Ronstan, left here yesterday, we believe for France via Saigon.The S. S. Co.'s steamer *Agamemnon*, from London, off Singapore, on the 23rd inst. for this port and Shanghai.

Owing to pressure on our news columns, the Commercial Intelligence, &c., will be found on our fourth page.

The British steamer *Ashley* and the Spanish steamer *Romulus* will be discharged from the Kowloon dock to-day.The *Trans-Pacific* and *Dragon* left Shanghai on the 19th inst. bound south. Their destination was believed to be Macao.The Ocean Steamship Company's steamer *Sydney*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 25th inst. for this port and Shanghai.

It is stated that Li Chung-tung, Tsu Chung-tung, Mu Tzu-chai, and Tong King-sing, four men who were violently assailed by the Consuls on account of the sale of the China Morphine Co. S. N. Co.

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The witness said he did not know he was to go on board again.

The captain said eight of the men he had given liberty to came back, and others had not come back. Some of his men had liberty to go ashore every Sunday.

His Worship discharged defendant on the ground of his statement that he had reported the man as a deserter.

Capt. William Evans, of the American ship *Sacramento*, was charged with discharging a Swedish seaman named Albert Johns in a similarly illegal way.

Albert Johns said he joined the American ship *Sacramento* in New York at \$12 per month, and received there \$30 advances. He arrived here on the 21st July. When he wants ashore he went to join the ship. However, he did not intend to get off. He got off to go ashore, and when he went for it, he was too late, and when he went ashore in his place.

The captain said he told the man to get his discharge when he left, and it was not his business to see that he did so. The man informed him that his discharge was now lying at the Police Station.

Witness said he signed the register at the Consul's office.

His Worship dismissed the case, observing that defendant did not appear to have infringed the law.

Defendant said he thought Inspector Matheson ought not to charge people with things they did not do.

Inspector Matheson said the American Consul informed him that the man he had not discharged had been discharged, and that he was discharged in his office could not become deserters.

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POLICE COURT.

August 26th.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE.

Li Aying, coolie, was charged with stealing eleven pieces of clothing, value 84 cents belonging to a man named Li Atsui, living at 61, Queen's-road West, on the 26th inst.

He admitted the charge, and was sentenced to a month's hard labour.

BENIGN MR. F. MCKEAN.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Un Akar, blacksmith, was convicted of unlawful possession of a sum value 15 cents on the 26th inst., and in default of payment of fines of \$3, he was committed for seven days' hard labour.

CHARGE OF FRAUD.

Tong Achi, tailor, was charged with having obtained 20 yards of silk from a shopkeeper named An Kan, by means of false pretences on the 25th inst.

The defendant was in the employ of the Kwan Ho, and he obtained a piece of red silk worth \$15.20 from the Sam To shop, on a false representation that it was for his employer. The fraud was discovered at once by his master having the bill sent to him.

The defendant said he got the silk and had it put to his employer's account because the latter would not pay him his wages.

The case was remanded to-morrow.

HAIPHONG.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

22d August.

On Tuesday last, the 19th inst., meeting of the residents was convened by the Resident Consul in accordance with the instructions of the French Minister of Commerce, who had sent a delegeate for the purpose, to proceed to the organization of Chambers of Commerce in different places in Tonquin. All the merchants and tradesmen who could attend were present.

After making a short speech setting forth the indisputable necessity for the establishment of the Chambers, and the services they could render to trade, the Delegat read the proposed rules of the Chamber of Commerce of Haiphong, which were submitted to the approbation of those present, subject to such changes as time, the different circumstances of the place, &c., might render necessary. I cannot now quote the proposed rules at length; sufficient for me to say they are based on the rules for the formation of Chambers of Commerce in France, with such alterations as circumstances in the colonies suggest as desirable.

One point has failed to give satisfaction. The method of voting instead of being secret has been taken by show of hands. One member spoke up against this, urging that under such a system members objecting to the election of any individual would not like to oppose him unless the voting was by ballot. As the rule admits of revision of any article that seems objectionable it is probable that all little discussions will soon be smoothed away.

Meantime I am glad to say that Haiphong now possesses its Chamber of Commerce, and we hope that its establishment will prove of great advantage to the port. The Executive is composed of the following officers—Monsieur Constantin, President; Monsieur Pauc, Vice-President; Monsieur Hogni, Secretary.

AMOY.

15th August.

In your paper of the 7th instant, under "Items from the *Shen-pao*," I find it mentioned that cholera is prevalent here, and 600 natives had died. I hope that the medical authorities will publish a similar report next week. In consequence of what Amoy is now considered as a infected port and all vessels arriving at Swatow and Hongkong from here have to undergo quarantine. It is true that sicknesses ranged among the natives and forty to fifty died a day, but from what I ascertained, it was not cholera, but a sickness that is prevalent every year. Rain has

fallen lately in considerable quantity and there are at present no more signs of the sickness or "so-called" cholera. The total number that has died at this time, a week ago, is estimated I hear at about 300 only, which is not above the usual average of deaths during the summer of former years. And the natives in the hospital of St. Louis' Andersons died in the hospital.

A fatal case of cholera died in the hospital.

The uncertainty of war affairs have caused many of the Chinese to seek refuge in the interior, nearly 20,000 it is said, and have already, I hear, reached the 20,000 mark. Many have fled inland immediately with such circumstances, and it is to be hoped that some other nations may soon interfere and put an end to such a state of affairs. In the Chinese ports all preparations of defense are being made.—Mercury Correspondent.

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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLIED TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL	West Australian	Thomas	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL	Glenluas (str.)	Goske	Hongkong	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	On or about 10th Sept.
LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL	Glanus Cathi (str.)	White	Hongkong	Adamson, Bell & Co.	On or about 27th Inst.
LONDON, &c., VIA SUEZ CANAL	Albion (str.)	Edmond	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 30th Inst.
MARSEILLE, VIA SAIGON &c.	Yangtze (str.)	Lockhart	Hongkong	Massingers Martini & Russell & Co.	On 4th Sept. at noon.
NEW YORK	Southern Cross	Thomas	Hongkong	Siemens & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	Principia (str.)	Forester King	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	To-day at 4 P.M.
NEWCASTLE, &c.	Ocean (str.)	Lockhart	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
SAN FRANCISCO	G. B. Vernon	H. Pleuge	Hongkong	Gibb & Son, & Co.	On 5th Sept. at 3 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO via YAMA	Thygesen (str.)	Thygesen	Hongkong	Bathfield & Swire	On 2nd Sept. at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, &c.	Lydia (str.)	Malvin	Hongkong	Melchior & Co.	On 3rd Sept. at 4 P.M.
TEHRAN	Zafirah (str.)	G. R. Vy	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 1st Sept. Afternoon.
TOHOKA, VIA NIAGASHI, &c.	Kamila	H. Jones	Hongkong	Soye Sing	On 29th Inst.
YOKOHAMA, HIOGO & HIROGO	Kong Beng (str.)	Young	Hongkong	Lee Wing & Co.	On 29th Inst.
SAIGON	Fokion (str.)	Ashion	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 29th Inst.
SAIGON	Forest King	G. R. Vy	Hongkong	Adamson, Bell & Co.	On 29th Inst.
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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY, 26th August.

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Quotations are—
Malva (New) ... 3530 per lb., allec. 12 catties.
Malva (Old) ... 570 ... 12 to 22 catties.
Patna (New) ... 3582 per chet.
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Ranores (New) ... 565 to 5672

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand, 3/8;
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/8;
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/9;
Credits, at 4 months' sight, 3/9;
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/9;
Bank Bills, on demand, 3/8;
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/8;
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/9;
Credits, at 4 months' sight, 3/9;

ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand, 4/6;
Credits, at 4 months' sight, 4/75;
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight, 2/28;
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight, 2/28;
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, 3 days' sight, 2/28;

Private, 30 days' sight, 7/24;
Shares, 2/28;

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—117
per cent. premium, ex div.;
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—
\$500 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—
\$60 per share, ex div.

New China Assurance—Tls. 1,400 per share;
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 1374 per
share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$180 per
share, ex div.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 145,
per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$85 per
share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—
\$340 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$69
per share, ex div.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's
Shares—49 percent premium, ex div.; Buyers
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s
Shares—\$100 per share.

Indo-Chinese Navigation Co.'s Shares—
25 percent discount.

China and Manlai Steamship Company, Limited—
25 percent discount.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—Par,
nominal.

Hongkong Gas Co.'s Shares—\$84 per
share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$145 per
share.

China Sino Refining Company, Limited—114
percent premium, ex div., Buoyes.

China Sino Refining Company (Debtors)—
nominal.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$80
per share ex div.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$140 per
share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—
\$160 per share.

Pearl Tin Mining and Smelting Company—
\$100 per share.

Selangor Tin Mining Company—\$220 per share,
Sellers.

Malay Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 35 per
share.

Hongkong Rose Manufacturing Company, Li-
mited—\$60 per share.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Falconer & Co's Register.)

Temperature—1 P.M. Mean Temp. 74° 56';

Temperature—P.M. Mean Temp. 67°

Thermometer—P.M. Wet bulb. 78°

Thermometer—P.M. Wet bulb. 80°

Humidity—Relative. 81°

Humidity—Absolute. 74°

Humidity—Minimum over 24 hrs. 63°

The last two figures in parentheses indicate the
percentage of humidity at the Victoria Naval Yard;

and the Low-water Degree, Spring-Tides, to which the
heights in these tables are referred, are 3/26 feet more

high.

The height in the tables must be reduced by a
sign before the last figure of the Spring-Tides, and should be
subtracted from the maximum tides above.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL

REGISTER.

14th August, 1884, to September 2nd, 1884.

12 P.M.

Sea Level.

Wind.

Cloud.

Waves.

Rain Int.

Sea Level.

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